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To: County of San Luis Obispo  
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Re: Federal Agenda Update

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The Ferguson Group (TFG) continues to assist San Luis Obispo County in matters pertaining to the federal government, including federal funding as well as legislative and regulatory matters not directly related to funding. The following outlines focus areas during the past two quarters.

**Drought.** TFG continues working on behalf of the County to (a) track and guide federal drought related legislation and action by the Administration and (b) identify funding opportunities for drought relief and long term water supply stability.

- Senator Feinstein's drought relief bill still awaits action in the Senate. In addition, Sen. Boxer is likely to introduce legislation soon aimed mainly at longer term water supply sustainability. We have met with key staff members on both bills and provided input regarding County priorities.
- TFG is assisting County staff with communications with the Corps of Engineers on drought related project issues.

**Los Osos.** Water resources legislation (WRDA and WRRDA) continue moving toward House/Senate Conference Committee action. TFG focuses on protecting existing funding authority and finding additional funding sources to reduce the financial impact on the County and residents.

**Salinas Dam and Cayucos Pier.** TFG is working with the congressional delegation and the Corps of Engineers to achieve timely regulatory review and approval of projects, including securing operating agreement renewal for Salinas Dam and expedited review and approval for work at Cayucos Pier.

**Agenda Fields & Priorities.** TFG has refined the County’s federal agenda to focus on three broad agenda fields: water resources, transportation & public infrastructure, and public safety & social services. This agenda below is based upon meetings with County staff and direction from the Board in February 2014.

| Field   | Projects/Issues   | Grants - NOFAs  |
|---|---|---|
| Water Resources                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drought &amp; Water Reliability</li> <li>• Los Osos</li> <li>• Clean water</li> <li>• Salinas Dam</li> <li>• HCPs</li> <li>• South County Sanitation District – Water Recycling</li> <li>• Flood Control</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal Protection (FWS)</li> <li>• Rural Community Development (USDA)</li> </ul>  |
| Transportation & Public Infrastructure          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorization Bill</li> <li>• Cayucos Pier</li> <li>•</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorization bill action pending</li> </ul>   |
| Public Safety, Social Services & County Revenue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yucca Mountain &amp; Nuclear Waste Policy</li> <li>• PILT Protection</li> <li>• Homelessness</li> <li>• Veterans Assistance</li> <li>• Fire Hydrant Bill (CWA)</li> <li>• Hazardous Materials and Rail Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance to Firefighters (FEMA)</li> <li>• Museum (IMLS)</li> <li>• Job Training (EDA)</li> <li>• Arrest Policy &amp; Protection Order Enforcement (DOJ)</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Reentry (DOJ)</li> <li>• Probation &amp; Parole (DOJ)</li> <li>• Environmental Workforce (EPA)</li> <li>• Rural veterans transportation</li> </ul> |

**Additional Projects & Issues Watch List.** The table below outlines additional projects and issues TFG continues to track for the County.

| Field   | Project/Issue   |
|---|---|
| Water & Natural Resources                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lopez Lake HCP</li><li>• NPDES – MSR4s Phase II</li><li>• Stormwater conveyance &amp; liability</li><li>• Invasive species (aquatic)</li><li>• Arroyo Grande Creek – levees and HCP</li><li>• Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE)</li><li>• Climate Change</li><li>• Water recycling</li><li>• Fracking</li></ul> |
| Transportation & Public Infrastructure          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy efficiency for public facilities</li></ul>   |
| Public Safety, Social Services & County Revenue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anti-Gang Funding</li><li>• DNA Cold Hit funding</li><li>• Cambria Library Expansion</li><li>• Homeless services and facilities funding</li><li>• Medicare reimbursement</li><li>• Disaster preparedness &amp; insurance</li></ul>  |